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HOW TO GET GOOD WATER FOR WILLIAMS

The quality of William's water is responsible, no doubt, for the fact that a petition has been signed by a large number of Williams citizens asking that an election be called to vote on a franchise for a company which proposes to bring water from the San Francisco mountains and sell it to Williams. This company might better the water which Williams is now obliged to use, but the News doubts if it will, even if it gets the franchise. Granting that the company can get water of the quality promised, the expense of delivering it to Williams will be enormous and the hope of deriving an income from the sale of water to justify the expense of installing the supply system is so poorly founded that the News believes Williams would better not become interested in the proposition. To the News it looks like a proposition to involve our Town in a scheme to float securities that promoters may make a killing.

A Better Way

Go up Cataract Canyon to a point 300 feet above the Water and Electric Co.'s dam and at this particular time you will find a small stream of clear, cold spring water flowing down the canyon quite different from the water one sees in the mudholes from which all Williams water is drawn. The News says mudholes not as a reflection on anyone, but because mudholes the tanks must all be with mud bottoms and sides. The appearance of the water is evidence that mud is carried in suspension. Compare these reservoirs with those which hold the water supplied to Flagstaff and you will agree that the News is not in error in referring to Williams water as coming from mudholes. Flagstaff water as seen in the reservoirs is clear. One can see to the bottom tho the water is many feet deep.

But to return to Cataract Canyon: The stream which one sees at this time will not be running during dry weather but there is good reason to believe that there is an under-flow percolating thru the bed of the canyon which might be intercepted and piped to a reservoir below and which would compare favorably with the water which makes Flagstaff famous. To this constant under-flow could be added such part of the annual surface flow provided by snow and rain as might be desirable. Altogether, the amount of water furnished would be all that Williams would need for years to come and probably for all time.

The Question of Storage

The News has referred to the bodies of water stored in the canyon above the Town as mudholes. The News proposes that Williams water shall not come from mudholes, but on the contrary from a reservoir with a concrete bottom and walls, water tight, so that the water stored therein would be as clear as the spring water which is now running down the canyon and with which together with outside snow and rain water, the reservoir might be filled. This reservoir, located preferably higher up the canyon than the tank of the Williams Water Co. for the purpose of getting greater head, should be large enough to hold, approximately, a year's supply of water. Then with a concrete

Babbitts Entertain Employees

Judge Holub, F. O. Udine, Adolph Boenitsch, C. H. Appleton, Dick Connors and M. H. Mansfield attended the Department Managers' meeting of the Babbitts stores at Flagstaff Sunday. A delegation of Babbitt employees was up from Winslow and the occasion was made one of great interest. The Flagstaff Babbitt establishment was visited thruout by the visiting delegations and then they were taken in automobiles to various points of interest in the Town. All had dinner at the Commercial hotel after which toasts were drunk. Mr. Quinlan, general manager of the Winslow store, acting as toast master. Addresses were made by Mr. Chas. Fairfield, office manager at Winslow, and Mr. Daze, postmaster of Winslow.

The meeting was for the purpose of calling Babbitt employees together for mutual acquaintance in the interest of the Babbitt business. The Williams delegates report a fine time and each returned to his post enthusiastically determined to make the Williams business still better.

Misses Minnie Drennan and Riola Phillips entertained last week at the latter's home, with a miscellaneous shower, given in honor of Miss Georgia Moore, who is soon to become the bride of Mr. Sam Diamond of Flagstaff. Miss Georgia was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts. Dainty refreshments were served.

The Misses Bertha Peet, Georgia Alcorn, Mrs. Alice Barclay, Mr. Alexander, Jim Yearry, and Clyde Polson hiked up Bill Williams Mountain Sunday and spent a most delightful day.

Mrs. A. R. Montgomery entertained with an informal dancing party Saturday evening, after the library show. Those present were: Misses Mary Matz, Irma Mitchell, Jane McConkey, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orr, Mr. and Mrs. Cy Young, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Ritter, Mrs. Etta Hill, Mrs. Mary Means, Mr. Dan Patton, Mr. Gene Phelan, Mr. Lyle McClain, Levi and Allen Montgomery and Mrs. Etta Gifford Young, of Phoenix being the guest of honor.

Mrs. Bengston and Mrs. Millar Entertain

Mrs. M. L. Bengston and Mrs. Paul Millar entertained about fifty of their friends at the Bengston home last Saturday. "500" was played to pass the time, Mrs. Alice Barclay winning first prize and Mrs. E. J. Nordyke second. Mrs. Bengston's rooms were tastefully decorated with nasturtiums, dahlias and cosmos. The guests of Mrs. Bengston and Mrs. Millar were highly pleased with their afternoon's entertainment.

Mrs. Andrew Miller returned Monday from Los Angeles where she has been visiting for some time.

partition thru the reservoir one half of the contents could be used at a time and each half could be cleaned when emptied.

Obstacles In The Way

Just what obstacles the Municipality of Williams would have to overcome in carrying out a plan to get good water as suggested by the News would have to be determined later thru investigation, but the News proceeds on the assumption that a community has a right to natural resources above that of a private corporation and that private rights can be extinguished on equitable terms when public needs demand it.

PERSONAL & LOCAL

F. M. Gold*made a business trip to Flagstaff, Monday.

JERRIE W. LEE

FOR COUNTY RECORDER

Mr. Bob Ross is enjoying a week's lay-off with the Saginaw.

The time is short for registration. Those who have not registered should do so at once.

Gene Phelan of Grand Canyon spent Friday to Sunday visiting Williams friends.

County Attorney C. B. Wilson was in Town last Friday looking after official business.

We will show a prospective buyer any of the properties we have to sell.

The Williams Realty Co.

Mr. John Klock was in from Winslow visiting home folks Sunday and Monday of this week.

JERRIE W. LEE

FOR COUNTY RECORDER

For Sale: Team, wagon and harness, \$100. Hostetters Ranch, Garland Prairie. Address P. M. Gilmore, Parks, Arizona. 10-12 11-2

For Sale: 43 steel traps, mostly large; 2 pack saddles; a camping outfit. S. C. Darden. 10-12-19

Mr. Morley of the Williams Water and Electric Co. has returned from Los Angeles where he spent several weeks.

Mr. Bob Daggs returned from the east last week where he has been in the interests of the Daggs sheep interests.

Mr. Voit Miller, son of S. O. Miller, is home on furlough. He expects an early discharge from the army and will, probably, not return to the border.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wente returned from their eastern trip last week. They will probably spend the winter in Williams.

C. B. Wilson, County Attorney, was in Town Tuesday, called down by Judge Twitty for consultation on a case to be heard in his court.

Williams is on the map to stay; you are in Williams to stay; Why not buy a home and stay right.

Williams Realty Co.

Young married couple wishes to rent a furnished bungalow of 3 or 4 rooms. Must be neatly furnished and be reasonable rent to steady tenant. E. A. F., P. O. box 722, Williams.

Ray Nunn, formerly call boy for the Santa Fe, left Monday for Los Angeles where he will make his home. Ray was succeeded in the position of call boy by Ray Vanderventer.

Juan Havez, reputed to be a Kickapoo Indian, was arrested by the Town marshal last Sunday night for creating a disturbance on the west side. Judge Sine fined Havez \$15 Monday morning.

Last Monday in the Williams police court the judge imposed fines amounting to \$40.00 all of which was paid. The offenses were of the usual class drunkenness and fighting.

F. A. Boulton is engaged this week in remodeling the store building occupied by S. Steinberg. Partitions are being taken out to enlarge the room and all new shelving is to be installed.

The Santa Fe has about 40 men at work in the yards changing the tracks to fit the new plans. Another gang is at work completing work on the freight depot and office building. A ten foot concrete platform has been constructed on the west and north of the building.

F. A. Stevens has accepted a position as teamster for the Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baumgartner were in from Spring Valley, Monday.

The round-up, stopped last week by the heavy rains, was started again Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cureton are the parents of a fine baby girl which arrived last Friday night during the storm.

Tom Wagner, prosperous merchant from Anita, mortored to Williams, Monday, to secure his usual supply of provisions.

Jim Storm, employed by the Pitman Valley Cattle Company, who has been in town on the sick list returned to work again this week.

Chas. Wade of the Parlor Barber Shop and Pool Hall, spent three days the first of the week, hunting in the vicinity of the M. C. Ranch.

Snow has begun to appear on the top of the San Francisco peaks. The rain which fell at lower elevations last week turned to snow at 14,000 feet.

Nelse Fousha has accepted a position with the Parlor Barber Shop.

Mrs. M. J. Flaharty formerly of this place but now of Winslow, is spending a few days in Williams visiting with friends.

Mrs. C. C. Slaughter left on train 21 Saturday morning for El Monte, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Merl Herr are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Gertrude Phyllis, born September 8th.

Mr. Lyle McClain of Grand Canyon, was a Williams visitor Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cy Young and Mrs. Mary Means spent Sunday at the Grand Canyon.

Mrs. Roy Orr returned from Los Angeles Thursday evening of last week.

Mrs. Neta Golther of Kingman, Arizona is the guest of Mrs. A. R. Montgomery.

Mrs. M. A. Young has accepted the position as pianist at the Sultana theater.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Millar leave Saturday for their new home, Placerville, Cal. Mr. Millar has been with the Forest Service as Ranger for several years. He will engage in the sheep business on a ranch near Placerville.

Mrs. Martin Buggeln, Miss Edna and Miss Julia Munson spent last week at the Buggeln Ranch near Grand View, going out last week Sunday and returning Monday of this week.

The Williams Library Association met Monday in a called business session. The Association feels well pleased with the result of "library night" at the Sultana theater and wishes to thank the public for an attendance which netted a neat sum for the library. New books have been added to the library and the Association will be gratified if the public will use them.

Helps The Library

Last Monday night a per cent of the receipts of the Sultana theatre amounting to \$50 was given to the Williams Library Association. Mr. Reese will make an arrangement of this kind permanent, and give the association a per cent of the receipts one night each month, if the attendance on other nights is not diminished thereby.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

High School teachers and scholars have both organized a basketball team. The two teams met last week and played a tie game, each getting 8.

It is now arranged that the assembly period for Monday, Wednesday and Friday shall be given up to speakers while that for Tuesday and Thursday shall be used for special work by teachers.

It is expected that the first number of the high school paper will be issued Friday, October 13. It has not been settled yet how often it will appear.

Mary Durbin, 8th grade, had to quit school last week to go to Los Angeles for an operation on her ear.

Miss Lenore Francis, County Superintendent of Schools, was in Williams Tuesday on official business.

JERRIE W. LEE

FOR COUNTY RECORDER

Got Their Deer

Emery Emerson, Walter Carlson, Henry Johnson and Earl Melick went out to the Gus Polson ranch last Sunday to get action on their hunting licenses and bring back a buck—or more. Their quest was successful but it led them further afield than they intended to go and they stayed all night at the ranch and did not get home until late the next day. Friends became a bit anxious and instituted a search. The boys were all right but were further delayed by machine trouble. Walter Carlson fired the lucky shot or had the luck to see the deer. Which it was deponent saith not.

Correspondent Wanted

A lonely, refined lady would like to correspond with a gentleman—widower or bachelor past forty, clean of mind and body; a mason preferred but non-mason please answer. Object, platonic friendship: Myra Brown, 84 Sherman St., Denver, Colo.

Fred Holden has lived in Northern Arizona more than 30 years and he has lived in Coconino county since its organization. He knows what the county needs and he knows what the west side needs. He can be depended upon to do what is right intelligently and well. Being the only west side candidate he should have west side support regardless of politics and should have east side support because the west side is entitled to a Supervisor.

Sneak Thieves Busy

Sneak thieves have been showing unusual activity the last few weeks. Miss Anderson on her homestead west of town was one of the first to suffer, losing a number of fine turkeys which she had raised at the cost of much labor and expense. The thieves left one turkey so badly injured that it died. Miss Anderson says they are welcome to it too if they will call for it.

Last week the Owens ranch south of town, was visited and automobile tires, some harness and tools were taken. The officers were called after the loss was discovered, but were unable to find any good clue to the identity of the thieves.

The last depredation reported was at the Geo. Rounseville ranch. Small articles amounting to a considerable valuation were taken.

All of the thefts have been committed while the proprietors have been absent from the premises.

These thefts should serve as a warning to ranchers not to leave anything of value in their ranch houses while vacant, until these thieves are caught.

DEMOCRATIC RALLY DREW BIG CROWD

The democratic rally last Friday night drew a big and enthusiastic crowd. The Sultana theatre was well filled with people who seemed to get great enjoyment out of these speeches. The points made were well received and enthusiastically applauded. Governor Hunt as first speaker made a good showing of accomplishments of his administration. The expense of government in Arizona will compare favorably with that of government in other states. The state government is doing more for the people than the territorial government was able to do but the per capita expense is no more. Governor Hunt and his collaborators are holding Arizona in the forefront with respect to progressiveness and his accounting was accepted as reliable and satisfactory.

Other state officers made brief speeches. The talk of Jesse Boyce, Williams' own particular candidate was very well received, indeed. Jesse has a warm place in the hearts of Williams people as will appear when the November count is made.

Carl Hayden, Arizona's congressman, spoke briefly but quite to the point. He remarked the difference between the non partisan attitude of the national equal suffrage association and the very partisan pro republican attitude of the so-called woman's party.

The speech of the evening, however, was made by Senator Henry Ashurst. Dunbar claims that Ashurst will be one of the big senators in his next term. His speech Friday night would make it appear very probable. One Williams man claims that Ashurst is a better speaker than the peerless Bryan. He is certainly in the same class. Arizona has reason to feel proud of her junior senator and she will show her pride in him by returning him to the senate.

The last speaker was Hon. Wiley Jones, Arizona's attorney general. Tho suffering from a cold and quite under the weather, Mr. Jones made a rattling good speech and brought the house down repeatedly. His reelection will scarcely be contested.

The meeting was called together by the Barnes Boys band which played several selections in front of the theatre.

The chairman of the meeting was Col. W. M. Hughes who presided with dignity and introduced the speakers very appropriately.

Mrs. M. C. Smith and three children surprised Bony and Williams friends Monday morning, by an unannounced appearance in Williams. Phoenix is, doubtless, a good place to live in but one who has had the pleasure of residing in Williams can hardly become reconciled to the change. Mrs. Smith is now looking for a house.

Bad Auto Accident

E. H. Anderson of the Babbitt garage took two Elagstaff plumbers up to Flag. Tuesday night returning early Wednesday morning. When passing thru Pitman valley his machine became unmanageable and ran into the ditch, turning turtle, with the men underneath. Anderson received a broken leg and his passengers got considerably bruised. The machine was badly damaged and it will cost about \$60 for repairs.

For Sale

Ford Touring Car, good condition, demountable rims, large Prest-o-lite tank, shock absorber and master vibrator. All new tires. All for \$275. Cash only. Inquire of Babbitt Polson Co., Ash Fork, Ariz.